

REMARKS

Claims 1-38 are pending the application and are subject to a restriction requirement. In response to the Restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect Group II (claims 18-37) with traverse.

Applicants have amended process claim 18 herein to use language consistent with claim 1 and, therefore, respectfully submit restriction is improper. Therefore examination of all claims is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should a petition for an extension of time be necessary for the timely reply to the outstanding Office Action (or if such a petition has been made and an additional extension is necessary), petition is hereby made and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees (including additional claim fees) to Deposit Account No. 18-0988.

Respectfully submitted,

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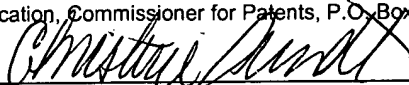
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